



Southside Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Berkley Neighborhood Service Center

Department Reports

A. Police Report

From June-August, the Police Department has seen crime statistics slightly elevated. The increase is primarily in larceny from autos (where personal items have been kept in sight). Suspects are breaking vehicle windows to gain access.

The Police Department conducted several crime sweeps utilizing a combination of bike teams in coordination with Vice/Narcotics. The sweeps produced several arrests and field contacts. The last bike sweep (conducted on August 19th-20th) produced over ten warrant arrests and several summons issued for felonies and misdemeanors.

Crime prevention initiatives this summer included a partnership with Recreation, Parks & Open Space in conjunction with the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association to present four movie nights in Campostella and Berkley. Crime prevention tips were presented to the attendees prior to the shows.

August special events included the Berkley Reunion. This was a three day event. No significant problems occurred.

On July 12th, the Blue Sector CROs spoke to the New Rising United Holy Church youth group and gave a presentation on "Life Skills."

On July 22nd, the Blue Sector CROs in conjunction with the Norfolk Police Gang Unit gave a presentation to the Southside Boys and Girls Club participants.

B. Utilities

At 1009 Craig St., Utilities is making a repaired to a sewer lateral at the connection to the sewer main in the street. The repair was completed on Friday, August 26, 2011.

The Department of Utilities is planning sewer work near the intersection of Clifton and State Streets. However, this work will not be started until the recovery from Hurricane Irene is completed.

C. Development

The Department of Development, in conjunction with the United States Small Business Administration, will host an Export Trade Conference at Nauticus on October 5th, 12th, 19th and 25th, 2011, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This conference will focus on providing businesses with the resources and information needed to export goods and services to other countries.

The Norfolk Department of Development in partnership with the Virginia Department of Business Assistance Development will release the 2011-2012 business development training schedule. Classes to be held include:

- "How to Finance a Business"
- "How to Write a Business Plan"
- "How to Become Small, Women, and Minority Business Certified"
- "How to do Government Contracting"
- "How to Write Proposals"
- "How to Market Your Business"

Training will be held throughout the City of Norfolk; date, time, and location information will be released as soon as confirmed.

D. NRHA

Berkley

New home construction continues along the Liberty St. and South Main St. corridor.

Three homes have been completed and sold. Five additional new homes are projected for completion within the next 12 months. Prices range from \$165,000-\$235,000.

Campostella Heights

Construction of new homes on Arlington and Montclair avenues are underway. The three new homes should be completed during fall 2011. Prices range from \$174,000-\$225,000.

NRHA continues discussions with community in regard to gateway options.

The renovation of 1709 Princeton Avenue will begin in fall 2011. Upon completion, the property will be sold to a new homebuyer. The sales price is estimated at \$170,000.

E. Neighborhood Quality

Inspector Activity Summary Report

From: 7/15/11-8/15/11

Initial Inspection:	137
Legal Notice Issued:	128
Follow-up Inspection:	134

Total	399
--------------	------------

Property Maintenance - Active Cases on 8/15/11

88 - Campostella Heights	38
89 - Campostella	101
90 - Berkley	65

Total Case Count:	204
--------------------------	------------

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, October 4th, 8:00a.m., at
Campostella Recreation Center, 1130 Leake St.